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Weekly Weather Crop Report

Week Ending: April 14, 1996

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending April 14, 1996. The main farming activities for the week included planting corn, rice, sorghum and soybeans. Warm, dry conditions allowed cotton producers to make significant progress in land preparation for planting. Chinch bugs and corn aphids have begun to show up in some corn acreage. Some replanting of earlier planted corn has been reported. Pastures are beginning to show improvements. Soil moisture conditions were rated 12 percent short, 67 percent adequate and 21 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1995	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	77	47	75	53	0	9	54	32	5
	Emerged	34	23	48	35					
Cotton	Planted	1	0	5	3	---	---	---	---	---
Rice	Planted	30	1	40	21	---	---	---	---	---
Sorghum	Planted	20	6	28	20	---	---	---	---	---
Soybeans	Planted	12	---	2	1	---	---	---	---	---
Wheat	Jointing	90	76	94	88	0	11	42	41	6
	Heading	22	2	32	27					
Peanuts	Planted	1	---	3	4	---	---	---	---	---
Sweet potatoes	Planted	4	---	1	1	---	---	---	---	---
Watermelons	Planted	47	21	37	40	0	19	33	37	11
Cattle						2	12	37	43	6
Pasture						4	24	39	28	5

County Agent Comments

"Rice planting has gone very well. Corn looks much better with the warmer weather that we are getting. Wheat also looks much better."

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

"Corn planting is about 60% complete. Cotton producers are making good preparation towards planting. Ninety-five percent of sweetpotatoes are bedded. Warmer temperatures have benefitted pastures and cattle feeding situation."

— Mike Howell, Calhoun County

"Dry soil conditions allowed producers to plant and prepare land for cotton planting. Soil temperatures are in the mid 50's. Rain on Sunday should aid in crop emergence."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Farmers were busy this past week preparing land for planting. Completion of planting was delayed because of wet spring conditions. Pastures have shown considerable improvement."

— Tim Needham, Tippah County

"Sunshine this past week has allowed row crop producers to finish needed field preparation and corn planting. Pastures are in good condition."

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

"Sunshine and warm temperatures are welcome changes. Corn is really beginning to emerge. There are some corn aphids and chinch bugs beginning to show up. These need to be watched closely. We will begin our cotton planting this week."

— Bill Maily, Hinds County

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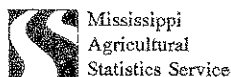
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Weather Summary From April 8, 1996 to April 14, 1996 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	79	32	58	61	-3	0.20	-1.00	1	3.52	69	44	59	0.20
Cleveland	80	33	58			0.25		1	3.02				
Tunica	80	38	56	60	-4	0.30	-1.03	2	0.65	69	51	60	0.20
Extreme/Average	80	32	58	61	-3	0.23	-0.97	1	3.27	69	44	59	0.20
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	81	32	56	58	-1	0.16	-1.10	2	4.38	68	40	56	0.17
Memphis	79	39	59	60	-1	0.48	-0.78	1	3.96				
Oxford	82	33	59	58	-0	0.10	-1.29	1	3.73				
Extreme/Average	82	32	58	59	-1	0.25	-1.05	1	4.02	68	40	56	0.17
3. Northeast													
Booneville	77	32	55	59	-3	0.05	-1.46	1	4.37				
Corinth	79	34	59	60	-1	0.04	-1.08	2	2.76				
Iuka	75	23	51			0.06		1	3.55				
Pontotoc	79	35	59	59	-1	0.24	-1.53	2	3.42	74	44	61	0.21
Tupelo	78	30	57	60	-3	0.12	-1.18	1	3.57				
Verona	78	34	58			0.19		1	2.46	68	46	58	0.20
Extreme/Average	79	23	57	60	-3	0.12	-1.31	1	3.36	74	44	60	0.21
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	81	39	60	62	-2	1.10	-0.65	1	3.45	79	51	67	
Greenwood	82	35	61	62	-1	0.80	-0.53	1	3.22				
Rolling Fork	81	40	61			1.30	-0.06	1	4.69	80	51	68	0.20
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	80	31	60	63	-3	0.00	-1.61	0	3.20				
Extreme/Average	82	31	61	63	-2	0.80	-0.72	1	3.64	80	51	67	0.20
5. Central													
Carthage	80	33	59	62	-2	1.06	-0.78	2	4.65				
Jackson	80	38	59	63	-4	0.98	-0.89	1	5.38				
Winona	78	26	55	58	-3	0.74	-0.81	1	3.40				
Extreme/Average	80	26	58	61	-3	0.93	-0.82	1	4.48				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	81	43	64			0.00	-1.35	0	3.50				
Columbus	79	31	58			0.28		1	4.19				
State University	80	32	59	61	-3	0.61	-1.09	1	4.28	75	41	60	
Extreme/Average	81	31	60	61	-1	0.30	-1.23	1	3.99	75	41	60	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	81	42	63			1.85		1	6.58	74	59	66	
Natchez	80	43	65	65	-0	2.43	+0.71	2	6.50				
Oakley	80	40	61			0.99	-0.78	1	5.83	75	48	63	
Vicksburg	78	33	61			1.18		1	6.03				
Extreme/Average	81	33	63	65	-3	1.61	-0.14	1	6.24	75	48	65	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	83	42											
McComb	81	39	62	64	-2	0.55	-1.10	1	3.18				
Extreme/Average	83	39	62	64	-2	0.55	-1.10	1	3.18				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	82	39	61			0.75		1	5.48	81	51	64	
Hattiesburg	81	41	63	65	-2	0.20	-1.19	1	7.83				
Laurel													
Meridian	82	32	58	63	-5	1.03	-0.78	1	4.66				
Newton	81	35	59	62	-3	1.22	-0.61	1	5.08	73	44	58	0.21
Extreme/Average	82	32	60	63	-3	0.80	-0.88	1	5.76	81	44	61	0.21
10. Coastal													
Bay St. Louis	82	42	62			0.04		1	11.51				
Biloxi	78	48	64	67	-3	0.28	-1.39	1	6.71				
Gulfport	80	46	63	67	-4	1.51	-0.07	2	12.36				
Pascagoula	77	39	58	66	-8	0.26		1	9.08				
Poplarville	84	43	63	66	-3	0.89	-0.67	1	6.73	80	54	67	0.28
Extreme/Average	84	39	62	67	-5	0.52	-1.11	1	9.92	80	54		
State	84	23	60	62	-2	0.61	-0.93	1	4.79	81	40	61	0.20

Abbreviations: DFN = Departure from Normal

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